

Start New P.V. School House

Construction has begun on the new addition to Malaga Cove school in Palos Verdes. Plans call for the construction of five new classrooms, a new kitchen and cafeteria, and the alteration of several rooms in the present building for new uses.

Catholic Ladies' Dessert Card Party Set For Tomorrow

Mrs. Margaret Stavens, chairman for the December Guild of Catholic Altar Society, and her committee will entertain church members and their friends at a dessert card party to be held in Nativity Hall at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow afternoon. Everyone is invited. Tallies may be procured at the door.

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NEW VISTA HIGHLANDS PETITIONS CIRCULATED

A new and final petition calling for streets, walks and curbs in the Vista Highlands district is in circulation to clear up the legal problems resulting from circulation of a protest petition which have caused a delay in the proceedings.

According to Mrs. Beverly Long, circulation of the new petition in favor of the improvements is the only means by which those who signed the original petition and then the protest document can clear up their status. Only those who signed the original petition asking for the improvements, some months ago, will be permitted to sign the second affirmative petition.

Many of those who affixed their signatures to the original petition signed the protest document under misunderstanding, it was said.

"Under terms of the original petition," Mrs. Long said, "the city already has gone to several hundred dollars expense in determining the preliminary estimate and starting the necessary action toward forming an assessment district. As stated in the letters received by the property owners, the city is responsible for nothing further, at this time. However, since two main streets and a city park are included in the area, it is felt that the gas tax funds should share the load of the improvement work. It is the right of the people to ask this assistance and to investigate the possibilities for further savings before deciding whether or not they will stop the proceedings, modify the job itself or cut down the area."

"The protest petition recently circulated can deny this privilege, stop all proceedings and deprive the people of the opportunity to make adjustments by which all or a part of the desired improvements can be had at a more reasonable fee."

"Information received by those attending the community meet-

ing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fay Parks clarified all details regarding the steps, taken in forming an assessment district, the people's rights and the possible deductions for saving the people's funds. With this accurate presentation of the facts from the reports on file at the City Hall and the representatives of Harold A. Barnett, who determined the estimate, there arose a demand for a new and final petition. By this means those who had signed the protest petition, before they realized they would lose all right to following the many means of adjusting the size of the job and the amount of the cost, can override their protesting signature.

"Those who had signed only the original requesting petition may also sign reaffirming their desire for the improvements."

"In response to this demand, workers are already in the field with this petition. Anyone not contacted at his home who wishes to sign, may do so by stopping at the Parks home, 2530 El Dorado st., or Torrance Plumbing Co., 1418 Marcelina ave., or by calling Torrance 65 and asking that the representative in his neighborhood call with the petition."

"Several times in the general discussion of the people, the need for sidewalks was stressed as a vital necessity for the appearance of the community, the comfort and convenience of the citizens and the safety of the children. There is a school in the middle of the area and a crossing guard at the Torrance Blvd. to protect the children on their route to its doors. Yet the youngsters in the Vista Highlands district walk in the streets to school as there is no other provision for them. It is known that there are plans for many new apartments on Hickory ave. in the near future,

HAMMER BLOWS FELL GARDENA'S CURB METERS

Gardena's "hitching posts"—those 207 standards which supported parking meters for a six-month trial period, were just a memory today. Karpark Corporation, which furnished the motor monitors, last week lived up to its part of the contract with the City of Gardena by removing the last vestige and replacing the sidewalks in their original condition.

First to be removed, appropriately, was one across the street from the house of Mrs. May Murphy, 1029 Gardena Blvd., who led a successful fight against the meters by circulating petitions for their ouster.

Final job of taking out the standards was done by Walter R. Betsworth, Manhattan Beach contractor, and an assistant, wielding hammer and crowbar, under supervision of Joe Ostermyer, Karpark installation engineer. "They'll be wanting us to put them back before long," Ostermyer predicted. He pointed out that Gardena is the first city in Southern California to call for removal, to his knowledge, so that in a way he was pioneering the job.

Meanwhile, heads of the devices—that is, the part in which motorists deposited their pennies and nickels, were packed into cartons last Saturday and picked up for shipment to the Karpark main office in Cincinnati. The hitching posts will be disposed of as junk, Ostermyer said.

Torrance did not go so far as Gardena did with parking meters, however. After the City Council had adopted an ordinance providing for their installation, Bob Haggard and a group of merchants circulated a referendum petition, got some 1,100 signatures to say "nothing doing with parking meters," and the Council rescinded its ordinance.

The town saluted Haggard and his committee.

Marriage Licenses

Jack H. Escobar, 23624 Ronan ave., Wilmington and Imogene A. Crenshaw, Normandie Hotel, Harbor City.

"There will be a second community meeting Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall, when neighbors may again convene and discuss together the steps to be considered toward preserving their rightful opportunity to attain any adjustments and to decide for themselves how best to fulfill this acknowledged need," Mrs. Long said, which will bring more families into the community.

Torrance Materials Company Formed By Olson, Associates

Incorporation of the firm formerly known as Construction Materials Company, 1826 W. 213th st., Torrance, and the change of its name to Torrance Materials Company, is announced by Clifford P. Olson, manager.

The change to corporate status was made in order to expand the company's facilities and enlarge its stock, and thus be in position to better serve its rapidly growing clientele, Olson states. There is no change in personnel or management, it was announced.



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